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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

14 JENI PEARSONS, et al.,
15 Plaintiffs,
16 v.
17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et
18 al.,
19 Defendants.

No. 2:23-cv-07952-RGK-MAR

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION
[28 U.S.C. § 2679(d)(2)]

TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT AND TO THE
PLAINTIFFS, BY AND THROUGH PLAINTIFFS', COUNSEL OF RECORD:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d)(2), the United States of America is hereby substituted as the Defendant herein, in place and instead of Lynne K. Zellhart. The basis for this substitution is set forth in the Certification of the Acting Chief of the Civil Division for the Central District of California, stating that Lynne K. Zellhart was acting within the course and scope of her employment at all times relevant to the events in this action. A true and correct copy of the Certification is attached hereto.

Dated: January 16, 2024 Respectfully submitted,

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1 CERTIFICATION OF SCOPE OF FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

2 I, Jessica O. Cheh, Acting Chief of the Civil Division, United States Attorney's
3 Office for the Central District of California, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C.
4 §2679(d), and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Attorney General of the
5 United States under 28 C.F.R. §15.4, hereby certify as follows:

6 1. I have read the First Amended Complaint ("FAC") entitled *Jeni Pearson v.*
7 *United States, et al.*, Case No. CV-07952-RGK-MAR in the United States District Court
8 for the Central District of California.

9 2. Based upon the information now available to me with respect to the
10 incidents referred to in the FAC, defendant Lynne Zellhart was acting within the course
11 and scope of employment with the United States at all times material to the incidents
12 alleged in the FAC.

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14 DATED: January 16, 2024

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